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*“He is
incredibly
bright and
quick, and
gets to the
heart of the
issue”*

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Practice Overview

Alan is a prominent and very experienced commercial silk who is recommended by the legal directories as "a real star" for civil fraud as well as commercial dispute resolution, commercial chancery and IT litigation. Regarded as "a brilliant all-rounder" who is truly "outstanding" and a "go to for high value briefs", his areas of practice also cover arbitration, banking litigation, company and insolvency.

In addition to appearing/advising the English Courts, Alan also has considerable international experience in commercial disputes particularly in relation to international arbitration.

Clients note "his intellectual agility and strong advocacy skills" as well as the fact that "he is very user-friendly and supportive", "a real team player". They also value the fact that he is "a very impressive cross-examiner who is completely on the ball and has all the facts at his fingertips". He is regarded as "a really great advocate who is absolutely outstanding in court".

The recent 2016 edition of Chambers & Partners note that he is a highly respected commercial counsel who is most adept at handling civil fraud matters and has further expertise in IT, company law and insolvency. "He is very forensic in his approach to a case - there is no limit to how far into the technical detail he can go." A well-respected fraud specialist who handles the full range of fraud and misappropriation claims. He is particularly strong in asset recovery. "A superb advocate."



Banking & Finance

Litigation involving banks and other financial institutions has long been a feature of Alan's practice. His work focuses on general commercial/contractual disputes, breach of duty and fraud claims.

His recent work includes:

- ICC arbitration in Geneva concerning a substantial fraud claim against a major bank.
- **Bank of Moscow JC BVI & Ors**: a US\$150m claim for misappropriation assets where Alan has been instrumental in obtaining default judgments, freezing orders and committal proceedings.
- **Silva Property Investment Ltd v Co-operative Bank**: dispute concerning the enforcement of an agreement to purchase an hotel by way of purchase of shares and requiring that a charge in favour of the bank be expunged.
- **Camden Market v IBRC [2014] 23109 Ch**: acting for claimant in relation to claims under a facility agreement including claims for breaches of implied term.
- **AS Latvijas Krajbanka v Vladimir Antonov**: Alan's client, the defendant, is a Latvian former director of a Latvian bank, facing a multi-million Euro claim for fraud, misfeasance and breach of duty. Along with variation of the terms of a freezing injunction, another issue was an order for disclosure which raised issues of confidentiality.
- **Clydesdale Bank v Stoke Place Hotel**: claims relating to conspiracy to defraud by shareholder directors.
- **JSC Bank of Moscow v Kekhman [2014] EWHC 183 (Comm)**: committal hearing brought by a Russian bank in connection with a failure to comply with a worldwide freezing order, in the sum of US\$150 million.
- **JSC Bank of Moscow v Kekhman (2nd action)**: proceedings (ongoing) concerning unlawful means conspiracy. Issues arising included identification of applicable law (Russian v English law) under Rome II.